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English Designer Asserts United States Has Finest Looking Women in World

Creator of Famous Wedding Gown for Princess Mary and Gownmaker for Court of England Says Best Looking Women in America Can Be Found in the Pacific Northwest.

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LONDON, Eng., (By Mail to The U. P.)—"American women wear their clothes better than any women in the world. The finest looking women in America are in the Pacific northwest and of these the most beautiful can be found in Seattle."

This is the considered judgment of one of the world's greatest experts—Reville—the creator of the famous wedding gown for Princess Mary and the gownmaker for the court of England.

No customer in all Europe is better qualified to pass judgment upon the merits of the women of the world than Reville, who is an international traveler, an artist, who has been a court gownmaker for many years. His patrons include not only the royal family of England but nearly all of the duchesses and ladies of that land. One may drop in on his fashion reviews any afternoon and see such notables as Lady Mountbatten, or even Princess Mary herself.

The models who display Reville's gowns resemble slightly the famous beauties of the court, as most of the gowns they display are created especially for these personages.

As they approach with a grace that is almost queenly, one murmurs "what lovely women and what gorgeous creations!"

And Reville, heading nod, bends over us and whispers, "Ah, but your American women! They have the grace and carriage of the goddesses. They are exquisite. Nowhere have I seen such women as on your Pacific coast. They walk like queens. Their features are superb. They are the personification of perfect poise. They have the complexion and stately proportions of the English girls, combined with beautiful faces and exquisite grace. The American girl is never conscious of her hands and feet. She is never awkward and is always perfectly poised. I think that is one of her greatest charms."

Famed Expert Reveals Coveted Secrets On Home Decorations

BY MARIAN HALE.

Many women have demonstrated their abilities as interior decorators, but Mrs. Emmott Buel has gone a step further and is now designing stage rooms.

Her latest efforts in this direction are shown in "Fools Errand," a Broadway production. The interiors she designed have so much character with so little apparent effort, and such balance and simplicity, that one's first impulse is to ask: Why can't we get such effects in our homes?

So I went to see Mrs. Buel, in her studio full of antiques and bits of loveliness gathered all over the world, and put the question to her. "It is much easier to get beautiful effects in a home than on the stage," she assured me. "It is not what you spend, but how you spend it that makes a successful room."

Study Rooms First.
"In decorating I always study the rooms carefully and form a mental picture of how the place should look as a whole and build it as a whole. I keep my values right and culminate when necessary. That's my system."

"The first thing to consider is the exposure of the rooms—dark rooms or those facing on a court, need to be decorated in bright colors—deep yellows, bright blues, or that Italian yellow-pink. Sunny rooms need to be softened with neutral colors."

"Plain walls are by far the easiest to work with, paneled ones should not be attempted without being most carefully planned. Unless one particularly wants the effect of a low ceiling, one should avoid drop ceilings, wide moldings and wainscots that break the lines and take away from the simple dignity."

"If a house has these defects they may be remedied by keeping the woodwork, wall and molding all the same tone."

"If one has very ugly furniture—and sometimes we do have—this fact may be rendered less obvious by doing the walls in a very lovely



MRS. EMMOTT BUEL

color or in a figured pattern that will draw attention to its own beauty and keep one's eyes away from the badly designed chairs."

"In a room where much figured material is being used and where there are many colorful objects to be used, the wall should be of an

Woman Says Members of Fairer Sex Are As Business-like As Men

BY MARIAN HALE.

"Housewives today are running their homes just as efficiently as men are running their businesses," says Mary Jane Winfree.

Her position as secretary of the Continental Trust Company of Washington, D. C., where she teaches hundreds of women to keep their accounts and balance their check books, gives her a good vantage point from which to form her judgment.

"And all this talk about women being unbusinesslike and their over-checking and under-depositing and making themselves a nuisance generally for cashiers is all without foundation," she continued. "Women learn simple banking principles in an amazingly short time."

"Today women pay their groceries, butchers and tradespeople by check. They run their homes on a budget plan and balance their accounts down to the last five cents if it takes five hours."

"Women's accounts are really much harder to manage than men's, too, because they involve small amounts and small checks, while men work in larger figures."

"Labor-saving devices for the home have done more than anything else to make women efficient, because they have given them time to catch up. While the electric washer is getting the dirt out of Johnny's rompers his mother has time to do her bookkeeping and find out where the household money is going and why."

Miss Winfree's unique position in the banking world, shared by not half a dozen others of her sex, is the result of her business policy of asking no favors, but always doing some little service that will put others under obligation to her.

She knows stocks and bonds and investments sometimes have to be

worn over the head.

One could rave forever about the evening gowns at Reville's. In the first place, we notice that the English girls have wonderful lines. They are tall and slender and perfectly suited for displaying the new straight-lined models.

Diana, an olive-skinned beauty, wearing a form-fitting gown of black Spanish lace, over which she wears a little turkey red velvet bolero, a perfect replica of the old Spanish boleros and over this there is still another wrap—a voluminous cape of Spanish lace. The lace is quite fascinating. Nearly every evening gown is accompanied by one of these little colorful velvet jackets or by a Spanish shawl and

we are told that the poor heating system of England is responsible for these wraps which are worn under the evening coat of fur.

Solid Color Scheme.
In this little fashion gathering we see more Spanish shawls than in an ensemble act of Carmen. Reville prefers the solid color scheme for the Spanish shawl, although there is one of polka-dot shade embroidered in white leaves and collared with ermine that is marvelous. A gold shawl embroidered in self-color uses a huge roll collar of brown monkey fur and is also distinctive. Every frock has some beautiful accessory to add to its charm—a jeweled bar, a quaint pair of earrings, or one of the jeweled hair bandeaux without which the English women never feel dressed.

In England there is a tendency to introduce colors into the bridal gown. Maroon, pink and other delicate shades of satin have been used instead of the time-honored white. The fashion has more to headway in America or France.

CHINESE EMBROIDERY.
A youthful gown of brown crepe de chine is trimmed with white organza, heavily embroidered in Chinese designs in brown silk. Chinese embroidery is seen on many of the smartest costumes this season.

In flight, the wings of a sparrow are a mile at the pace of a snail.

For service and general utility wear, nothing surpasses the raccoon or muskrat topcoat, with rosy sleeves and collar that hug the neck.

Such a coat is the New York society girl, Margaret V. Powers' choice for morning shopping tours. Her selection in millinery is a rather large triglotte with a ribbon rosette.

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MARY JANE WINFREE

"The only reason for it is because men can't help regarding women employees as merely temporary—bridging the time between school and matrimony."

"I started as a stenographer 14 years ago. I believe stenography is the best wedge a woman can employ to get into the banking business. A really good stenographer is bound to attract attention anywhere—she is so rare."

"There is an unlimited opportunity for women to render service in banks and there are more and more positions opening for them as they are ready to fill them."

Again the clock chimes and the review is over and as I step between two supercilious doormen in knee breeches I try to display a little of that characteristic which Reville assures me is the birthright of every American woman—poise.

HANDKERCHIEFS.
Polka-dot blossom profusely on some of the newest handkerchiefs. Red ones are apt to appear on an orange background and purple ones on green. Very tiny dove handkerchiefs are shown this year. They are tucked into the tiny velvet bracelets worn about the wrists.

COLORED BRIDAL FROCKS.
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Love Cult Exponent Bad Husband, Says Girl Wife

Compromised Into Marrying Publisher Many Years Her Senior, She Asserts in Divorce Suit.

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—Albert W. Ryerson, head of the mysterious love cult "O. T. O." was a failure as a lover, his 18-year-old wife, Mabel, artists' model, declares.

Mrs. Ryerson, known as the "Queen of the Chateau d'Arts," an artists' establishment, is suing for divorce. She is Ryerson's second wife.

"He asked me to marry him on 30 days' trial," Mrs. Ryerson said. "He agreed that if he could not make me love him at the end of that time I should go free. When he saw that he was not making headway with his love-making he tried caveman tactics. He beat me severely on several occasions. I was able to drag through 29 of the 30 days, and then I left him."

Mrs. Ryerson said she frequently poses before the artists of the Scarab club.

Faced Grave Charge.
The case draws into the limelight once more the man who, as head of the Universal Book Stores, Inc., figured in a suit to determine whether the corporation's moneys were being used illegally for the

promotion of the love cult. During this court action the "Equinox," mysterious and revealing ritual of the cult, was brought to light, creating a sensation among hundreds of Detroit families.

Mrs. Ryerson says she married Ryerson, despite the discrepancy in their ages, because he placed her in compromising positions in front of servants and guests, after he had begged her to wed him for some months. She says she was introduced into Ryerson's home by her father, a brother lodgerman of Ryerson's, and that Ryerson was made her guardian. She is 18 and Ryerson 31.

During her residence at the Ryerson home, she says, she was showered with attentions by Ryerson, who resorted to compromising her after he failed to win by more ordinary love-making.

Called Her "Daughter."
"At one of the social events given in my honor I was guest at the Fellowship club at a dinner given to about 50 of Mr. Ryerson's friends," she said. "Mr. Ryerson introduced me as his daughter to those present,

and none seemed to suspect that I was not."

"I was timid and inexperienced. I guess fear of offending Mr. Ryerson more than anything else led me to marry him. It was several days before I knew the man I married."

"Well, I lasted through 29 days of it, and within one day of lying up to my part of the agreement—we had planned to try marriage for 30 days—I was utterly unable to continue. I just ran away, not knowing where I was going."

Ryerson's first wife, Elvira, obtained a decree of divorce from him in 1919, charging her husband professed love for many women, some of whom professed to have the same ideas as himself. She said he was the recipient of many notes from "lovesick women, who said his love aroused in them a fiery torrent."

The first marriage had taken place April 5, 1919, and there were three children—Albert, Grace and George.

USE OF FUR.
Hats, neckpieces, bags, scarves, sashes and sofa pillows are being made of fur this season. Yet many of the loveliest evening wraps are entirely free from it.

The only trimming on a draped gown of black crepe is seen on the sleeves. These are of white georgette crepe, heavily beaded in gold.

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